

a, an	<p><b>A</b> is used before words that begin with a consonant sound; <b>An</b> is used before words that begin with any vowel sound except long “u”.</p> <p><i>A heap, an idol</i></p>
Accept, Except	<p>The verb <b>accept</b> means “to receive.” The preposition <b>except</b> means “other than.”</p> <p><i>Melissa graciously accepted defeat.</i>  <i>All the boys except Zach were here.</i></p>
Affect, Effect	<p><b>Affect</b> is almost always a verb; it means “to influence”. <b>Effect</b> can be a verb, but it is most often used as a noun that means “the result”.</p> <p><i>How does population growth affect us?</i>  <i>What are the effects of population growth?</i></p>
Allowed, Aloud	<p>The verb <b>allowed</b> means “permitted” or “let happen.” <b>Aloud</b> is an adverb that means “in a normal voice.”</p> <p><i>We weren’t allowed to read aloud in the library.</i></p>
Allusion, Illusion	<p>An <b>allusion</b> is a brief reference to or hint of something (person, place, thing, or idea). An <b>illusion</b> is a false impression or idea.</p> <p><i>The Great Dontini, a magician, made an allusion to Houdini as he created the illusion of sawing his assistant in half.</i></p>
A lot	<p><b>A lot</b> is not one word, but two; it is a general descriptive phrase meaning plenty. (It should be avoided in formal writing.)</p>
All right	<p><b>All right</b> is not one word, but two; it is a phrase meaning “satisfactory” or “okay.” (Please note, the following are spelled correctly: always, altogether, already, almost).</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tangible</b></p> <p>Something that you can touch</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unanimous</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fully in agreement</li> <li>2. Held, carried or believed by everyone involved.</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reluctant</b></p> <p>Unwilling and hesitant; disinclined; not really wanting to do something</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vital</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Absolutely necessary</li> <li>2. Full of energy; lively</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discretion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation.</li> <li>2. To speak in a way to avoid offending someone or to avoid revealing something private.</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Subordinate</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lower in rank or position (adj)</li> <li>2. Someone who is lower in rank or position (noun)</li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Beacon</b></p> <p>Something that is a warning, light, or guide.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Loathe</b></p> <p>To feel intense dislike for something or someone</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Eerie</b></p> <p>Strange and Frightening</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mere</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That is only or no more/better than what is specified</li> <li>2. The smallest or the slightest</li> </ol>